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PROJECT V-6.1 (MARINE MAMMALS)

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1. BACKGROUND ON THE WALRUS-ICE SEAL BIOLOGY MEETING IS AS
FOLLOWS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM 4 OF THE PROTOCOL DEVELOPED
IN LENINGRAD AT THE JUNE 1975 MEETING OF THE U.S./U.S.S.R.
MARINE MAMMAL PROJECT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT AND THE
MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION ADOPTED BY THE U.S./U.S.S.R. JOINT
COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 31, 1975, THE DELAYED WALRUS-ICE SEAL BIOLOGY
MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., IN
JANUARY 1976. WE HAVE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY ARRANGING FOR
PRECIOUS MEETINGS AND PERSONNEL EXCHANGES BECAUSE OF DELAYED
RESPONSES BY SOVIETS AND CLAIM THAT SOME CORRESPONDENCE HAD NOT
BEEN RECEIVED. PLEASE ASSIST IN OBTAINING A RESPONSE FROM
DR. ZEMSKY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE
SOVIET OFFICIALS INCLUDING KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET AND NIKONOROV
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OF MINISTRY OF FISHERIES. PLEASE PROVIDE THEM WITH COPIES

OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE PASSED BY EMBASSY TO: DR. V.A. ZEMSKY,

SENIOR SCIENTIST, ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF
FISHING ECONOMICS AND OCEANOGRAPHY (V.N.I.R.O.) ULITZA B,
KRASNOSIL'SKAYA NUMBER 17A, MOSCOW B 140.

2. QUOTE:

DEAR DR. ZENSKY:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM 4 OF THE PROTOCOL DEVELOPED IN LENINGRAD AT
THE JUNE 1974 MARINE MAMMAL PROJECT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGREEMENT, AND THE MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION ADOPTED BY THE
U.S./U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 31, 1975, THE DELWYED
WALRUS-ICE SEAL BIOLOGY MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW,
USSR, IN JANUARY 1976. WE URGENTLY REQUEST DETAILS OF PLANS
FOR THIS MEETING AND THE SPRING WALRUS-ICE SEAL CRUISE ABOARD A
SOVIET SHIP IN THE BERING SEA.

SPECIFICALLY, WE SUGGEST THE DATES OF JANUARY 12-20, FOR THE
WALRUS-ICE SEAL MEETING IN MOSCOW. FURTHER, WE SUGGEST FOR THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE JANUARY MEETING THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN
TO SEPARATE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF THE MAJOR PARTS OF THE
DRAFT AGENDA (AS INCLUDED IN DECEMBER 1973 RESUME):

IIA) THE BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF MANAGEMENT (POPULATION AND BIOLOGICAL
INFORMATION),

IIB) TROPHO-ENERGETICS,

III) IDENTIFY DIRECTION OF HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH (I.E.,
LONG-RANGE PLANNING),

IV) PLANS TO CARRYOUT RESEARCH INCLUDING, MARINE MAMMAL
SURVEYS BY AIRPLANE AND BY SHIP

WE SUGGEST THAT FORMAL PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS BE LIMITED TO
BRIEF SUMMARIES WITH PRIOR EXCHANGE OF TRANSLATED COMPLETE PAPERS.
WE EXPECT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD ALSO HAVE THEIR SCIENTIFIC
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PAPERS TRANSLATED. WE WILL COMMUNICATE TITLES OF SCIENTIFIC
PAPERS BY MID-DECEMBER. THE TENTATIVE LIST OF THE U.S.
DELEGATION IS R. MILLER, J. BURNS, R. ELSNER, J. ESTES, F. FAY,
C. FISCUS, AND G. RAY, PLUS AN INTERPRETER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
EARLY WORD ON COMPOSITION OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

WE REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ABOUT THE SPRING CRUISE:
CONFIRMATION OF THE MARCH 15 TO MAY 1, 1976 DATES; NUMBER OF

U.S. PARTICIPANTS WHO CAN BE ACCOMMODATED (2, 3, OR 4);
DETAILED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHIP (I.E., DIMENSIONS, EQUIPMENT,
ICE STRENGTHENED OR NOT, LABORATORY SPACE); AND WHETHER THE U.S.
DELEGATION CAN BOARD AT A PORT IN ALASKA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
YOUR RAPID RESPONSE. SIGNED R.V. MILLER
KISSINGER

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